



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, in the year 1926, Mr. Carter G. Woodson founded Association for the Study of Negro Life and History in American Life; and

WHEREAS, in order to carry on the tradition Mr. Woodson began, Black History Month is observed to inform and educate our communities about the history of black men and women and the contributions they have made to American life and culture; and

WHEREAS, communities across Idaho organize events to commemorate and carry on this tradition that is dedicated to the principle of fostering civic, economic and educational programs throughout the State of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, the theme of this year's Black History Month is "The Souls of Black Folk: Our Children-Teaching by Example"; and

WHEREAS, each year during Black History Month, we explore the history and culture of Black Americans, and we discover anew a treasure of history about the triumph of the human spirit; and

WHEREAS, this untold history is not only an important part of Black history, but an essential part of American history and it is fitting that we set aside a special time to acknowledge this important segment of citizens of our state and their history;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2003, to be

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

in Idaho, and I encourage all citizens to be aware of important contributions made by black citizens throughout our great state and thank them for the part they play in our society.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this sixth day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-seventh and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred thirteenth.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dirk Kempthorne".

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ben Isukua".

BEN ISUKUA
SECRETARY OF STATE